







ANNUAL REPORTS

—OF THE—

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF NELSON,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1892.

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KEENE, N. H.

DARLING & CO., STEAM BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS.

1892.



# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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The Selectmen would respectfully submit the following report of the financial affairs of the town of Nelson for the year ending March 1, 1892.

## VALUATION OF THE TOWN, APRIL 1, 1891.

Resident valuation,	\$90,678 00
Non-resident valuation,	42,695 00
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	\$133,373 00

## ASSESSMENTS.

Amount of taxes assessed,	\$2,188 15
Number of dogs, 25,	27 00
Rate per cent. on \$100,	1 54

The invoice of April 1st, 1891, was as follows:

Number of polls, 87,	\$8,700 00
Horses, 89,	6,394 00
Oxen, 38,	1,802 00
Cows, 202,	4,488 00
Neat stock, 74,	1,114 00
Sheep, 358,	1,000 00
Hogs, 9,	54 00
Carriages, 3,	160 00
Acres real estate, 13,062,	110,091 00
Money on hand, interest, etc.,	1,725 00
Stock in trade,	1,570 00
Mills and machinery,	4,975 00
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	\$142,073 00



The amount required to be raised A. D. 1891 was as follows :

For support of schools,	\$500 00
Highways and bridges,	500 00
Breaking roads in Winter,	300 00
State tax,	430 00
County tax,	319 08
Memorial Day,	20 00
Town charges,	1 00

#### ABATEMENTS.

By abatements on E. C. Atwood's book, 1891,	\$27 18
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#### RECEIPTS FOR 1891.

Rec'd Cash in treasury, March 1, 1891,	\$610 18
State savings bank tax,	811 49
Literary fund,	72 50
Railroad tax,	2 28
County support of poor,	52 00
T. W. Barker, for snow rollers,	10 00
J. H. Scott, dog licenses,	46 36
Lydia J. Atwood, librarian, catalogues and cards sold,	2 62
John H. Osgood, collector for 1890,	331 36
“ “ dog tax,	9 00
“ “ interest,	7 02
V. C. Atwood, collector for 1891,	1,930 56
“ “ dog tax,	19 00
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	\$3,904 37

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

##### STATE AND COUNTY.

Paid State tax,	\$430 00
County tax,	319 08
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	\$749 08

##### SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid F. Taylor, overseer of poor,	\$51 65
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## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid H. D. Taylor treasurer of School Board,	\$400 00
"      "      school supplies,	93 30
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	\$493 30

## BRIDGE PLANK.

Paid M. M. Bailey,	\$12 00
P. Donahue,	3 00
Fred A. Wilder,	6 79
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	\$21 79

## NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

Paid S. A. Green, for building committee,	\$1,200 00
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## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid M. M. Bailey, Highway Surveyor,	\$55 00
O. C. Tolman,      "      "	34 38
H. H. Stevens,     "      "	12 75
George S. Bailey,  "      "	32 50
F. A. Wilder,      "      "	27 65
P. Donahue,       "      "	27 15
G. W. Atwood,     "      "	26 36
H. D. Taylor,      "      "	45 79
M. M. Bailey, labor District No. 5,	28 50
G. S. Bailey, labor Forest Road,	16 95
Eben C. Tolman, timber, plank, and labor on bridge,	22 59
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	\$329 62

## HIGHWAY RECEIPTS.

Highway receipts for 1890,	\$ 42 97
"      "      1891,	266 32

## BREAKING ROADS IN 1891-2.

Paid Henry Wilson,	\$ 1 20
G. W. Atwood,	17 40
T. W. Barker,	4 20
M. M. Bailey,	15 65
P. Donahue,	14 05
O. C. Tolman,	14 50
H. H. Stevens,	8 40

Paid F. A. Wilder,	\$26 15
W. O. Upton,	23 73
G. N. Robbins,	4 95
G. Vignue,	6 00
H. A. Wilder,	1 87
G. S. Bailey,	10 20
W. H. Stoddard,	4 53
H. D. Taylor,	5 51
J. H. Holbrook,	2 40
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	\$160 74

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid M. M. Bailey, Selectman,	\$46 00
F. A. Scott, "	30 00
W. W. Atwood, "	8 25
J. H. Scott, Town Clerk,	16 77
G. W. Osgood, School Board,	26 00
H. D. Taylor, " "	11 00
G. S. Bailey, " "	3 00
H. D. Taylor, Treasurer of School Board,	3 00
F. Taylor, Overseer of Poor,	5 00
" " Treasurer,	8 00
V. C. Atwood, Collector, 1891,	28 15
J. H. Osgood, Sexton,	11 75
Lydia J. Atwood, Librarian,	10 25
Albert Davis, Supervisor,	3 00
A. G. Priest, Police,	2 00
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	\$212 17

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Mrs. S. F. Meloon, for gravel bank,	\$25 00
Horace Yardley, taxes overpaid, 1889,	9 00
Darling & Co., printing Town Reports,	17 00
Veterans' Association,	20 00
J. H. Scott, blank book, &c.,	2 05
J. H. Osgood, by abatement returned, 1890,	10 89
W. W. Atwood, perambulating town line,	7 00
W. H. Spalter & Co., blank and receipt books, &c.,	3 41
Don H. Woodward, counsel fee,	4 00



Paid S. A. Green, powder, spikes, &c.,	\$2 18
G. W. Osgood, damage to land,	2 00
Woodbury & Howard, casket,	4 50
F. A. Scott, lodging tramps,	1 66
F. Taylor, use of Union Hall,	5 00
By aid to dependent soldier,	7 50
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	\$121 19

### RECAPITULATION.

Paid State and county,	\$749 08
Support of poor,	51 65
Support of schools and supplies,	493 30
Bridge plank,	21 79
For new school house,	1,200 00
Highways and bridges,	538 91
Breaking roads in 1891-2,	160 74
Town officers,	212 17
Miscellaneous,	121 19
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	\$3,648 83
Total amount of receipts,	\$3,904 37
“ “ disbursements,	3,648 83
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Balance in favor of the town,	\$255 54

### LIABILITIES.

Due the building committee on new school house,	\$299 72
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### ASSETS.

Cash in treasury March 1, 1892,	\$255 54
Uncollected taxes of 1891,	231 37
“ dog tax of 1891,	7 00
Due from A. P. Wilber,	7 50
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	\$501 41

MARCUS M. BAILEY,  
 FRED A. SCOTT,  
*Selectmen of Nelson.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash on hand March 1, 1891,	\$610 18
Received of State Treasurer, savings bank tax,	811 49
"    "    literary fund,	72 50
"    "    railroad tax,	2 28
County, support of poor,	52 00
J. H. Osgood, collector of taxes, 1890,	288 55
"    highway receipts,	42 97
"    interest,	7 02
V. C. Atwood, collector taxes of 1891,	1,642 01
"    highway receipts,	288 39
T. Barker, snow roller,	10 00
License on dogs,	46 36
Tax    "	28 00
Lydia J. Atwood, librarian,	2 62
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	\$3,904 37

### DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid by order of the Selectmen :

S. A. Green, chairman of the New School House	
Building Committee,	\$1,200 00
State tax,	430 00
County tax,	319 08
Support of schools,	400 00
School supplies,	93 30
M. M. Bailey, Selectman,	46 00
F. A. Scott,    "	30 00
W. W. Atwood,  "	8 25
J. H. Scott, Town Clerk,	16 77
G. W. Osgood, School Board,	26 00
H. D. Taylor,    "    "	11 00
G. S. Bailey,    "    "	3 00
F. Taylor, Overseer of the Poor,	5 00
F. Taylor, Treasurer,	8 00

Paid V. C. Atwood, Collector,	\$28 15
J. H. Osgood, Sexton,	11 75
Lydia J. Atwood, Librarian,	10 25
H. D. Taylor, Treasurer School Board,	3 00
Albert Davis, Supervisor,	3 00
A. G. Priest, Police,	2 00
Highway Surveyors,	329 62
Breaking Road in 1891-2.	160 74
Bridge Plank,	21 79
Support of Poor,	51 54
Other orders,	430 59
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	\$3,648 83
Total amount Received,	\$3,904 37
Total amount of Disbursements,	3,648 83
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Balance in the treasury,	\$255 54

Respectfully submitted,

F. TAYLOR, *Treasurer.*



# REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

## RECEIPTS.

1891.			
April 7.	Received of County Treasurer,		\$24 00
Oct. 20.	" " "		28 00
1892.			
Feb. 20.	" Town "		57 65
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			\$103 65

## EXPENSES.

1891.			
Apr. 1.	Paid Arvilla Holt,		\$ 9 00
" 7.	Into the Town Treasury.		24 00
June 16.	Arvilla Holt,		10 00
Aug. 11.	" "		10 00
Aug. 11.	For carrying Mrs. Collins home,		1 40
Oct. 15.	Arvilla Holt,		8 00
Oct. 20.	Into the Town Treasury,		28 00
Dec. 26.	Arvilla Holt,		10 00
1892.			
Jan. 29.	Removing Oren Wilder to the County		
	Alms House,		3 00
	Telephone and postage.		25
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			\$103 65

Respectfully submitted,

F. TAYLOR, *Overseer of the Poor.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the Selectmen's, Treasurer and Overseer of the Poor Reports, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

SIDNEY A. GREEN, *Auditor.*

## Report of Treasurer of School Board.

### AMOUNT RECEIVED.

Cash reported last year as unexpended,	\$ 67 79
Received of the School Board of Stoddard,	12 00
“ “ Town Treasurer,	493 30
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	\$573 09

### AMOUNT PAID OUT.

Paid Helen M. Humphrey, Spring term school, No. 1, 8 weeks, including board,	\$56 00
Emma L. Taylor, Fall term school, No. 1, 9 weeks, including board,	72 00
Helen Berry, 3 weeks,	24 00
Mattie A. Wilder, Spring term school, No. 2, 5 3-5 weeks, including board,	27 60
Fannie I. Bennett, Fall term school, No. 2, 10 weeks, including board,	77 50
Ada Dell Hall, Spring term school, No. 3, 8 weeks, including board,	44 00
Mabel Rowe, Spring term school, No. 4, 7 weeks, including board,	33 25
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	\$334 35
Repairs on school house,	\$1 50
Paid J. H. Osgood, transportation of scholars,	\$ 3 60
Mrs. Horace Yardley,	16 00
Thomas Smith,	9 00
Thaddeus W. Barker,	20 00
Lawrence Collins,	19 50
Henry N. Stevens,	24 00
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	\$92 10

Paid Sarah Osgood for cleaning school house,	\$1 00
Mrs. H. D. Taylor,	1 00
George W. Osgood,	2 00
Lucelia Bardwell,	2 00
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	\$6 00
 Paid Harry Robbins, care of school house,	 \$ 50
Wilmer Barrett,	75
Frank A. Taylor,	50
George H. Osgood,	2 45
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	\$4 20
 Paid for transportation and car fare of teachers,	 \$14 15
For wood and fitting,	23 00
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	\$37 15
 Paid Leach, Shewel & Sanborn, for books,	 \$25 44
American Book Co., for charts,	32 65
W. H. Spalter, school supplies,	34 71
S. A. Green,	50
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	\$93 30
 Total amount paid out,	 \$568 60
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	\$4 49

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY D. TAYLOR,

*Treasurer.*

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I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

SIDNEY A. GREEN, *Auditor.*



REPORT OF  
The School House Building Committee.

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Amount received of Town, \$1,200 00

EXPENDITURES.

Expense on school house lot,	\$220 38
Building material,	653 93
Work on school house,	394 75
Freight,	84 50
522 yards gravel @ 28 cents per yard,	146 16
	\$1,499 72
Outstanding bills,	\$299 72

Respectfully submitted,

SIDNEY A. GREEN,  
ALBERT DAVIS,

*Committee.*

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1892.

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There have been during the past year four terms of school in the Summer and two in the Fall, or three, regarding the last three weeks of the school at Nelson Center as a separate term.

The school at the Center, Summer term, commenced May 4, 1891, and closed July 3 following, having been in session eight weeks. Miss Helen M. Humphrey of Athol, Mass., was teacher. The school was fairly successful. But for sickness, causing a suspension of the school a week, near the middle of the term, and irregular attendance, it would have been a model school. There were 29 different scholars; average daily attendance, 13; number attending to reading and spelling 29, penmanship 26, arithmetic 20, geography 21, grammar 4, history 4, physiology, 2, book-keeping 6, algebra 3.

The Fall term of the school at Nelson Center was taught for nine weeks by Miss Emma L. Taylor of Worcester, Mass., and the remaining three weeks by Mrs. Helen B. Berry of Lynnfield, Mass. The whole number of different scholars was 32; average daily attendance, 20; number attending to reading and spelling 26, penmanship, 26, arithmetic 26, geography 22, grammar 22, history 22, composition 24, physiology 10, algebra 1. Many of the scholars made fair progress during the nine weeks earliest in the term. The remaining three weeks were spent mainly in review, singing, gymnastics and calisthenic exercises. The general attendance was not as regular as it should have been to secure the best results.

The Summer term of school at Munsonville commenced May 5 and closed June 4 following. Teacher, Miss Mattie A.

Wilder of Surry. Whole number of scholars, 15; average daily attendance, 13; number attending to reading and spelling 14, penmanship 6, arithmetic 8, geography 6, grammar 6, history 4.

The Fall term, taught by Miss Fannie I. Bennett of Whately, Mass., was attended by the scholars of the Northwest or Taylor district, in addition to the scholars residing in Munsonville. The term commenced Sept. 8, and closed Nov. 13. Whole number of scholars, 21; average daily attendance, 20; number attending to reading and spelling 21, penmanship 16, arithmetic 14, geography 14, grammar 7, history 6.

The Summer school was closed on account of sickness in the teacher's family, which was of such duration that it was thought best not to open it again on account of the lateness of the season. The Fall term of ten weeks was highly satisfactory and commendable progress was made in the several branches of study.

School No. 3. Summer term commenced May 4, continuing eight weeks, and was taught by Miss Ada D. Hall of Ashburnham, Mass. Whole number of scholars, 7; average daily attendance, 6.83; number attending to reading and spelling 7, penmanship 7, arithmetic 7, geography 4, grammar 2, history 2, physiology 1. This term was highly satisfactory as to regular attendance, and good progress generally was made in the various branches of study.

School No. 4. Summer term was taught by Miss Mabel F. Rowe of Dublin. It commenced May 4 and closed June 19. Whole number of scholars, 4; average daily attendance, 3.87; number attending to reading and writing 4, penmanship 4, arithmetic 4, geography 4, grammar 3, history 3, composition 4, vocal music 4, physiology 3, book-keeping 1, algebra 2. It was a matter of regret to the School Board that this school was so small as hardly to justify a second term, there being only two scholars of legal school age. In attention to study and order, progress made and regular attendance, it was the banner school of the year.



## ROLL OF HONOR.

School No. 1. First Term.—Florence M. Osgood, Della G. Ruffle, Ada B. Ruffle. Second Term.—Bessie Hardy, Myra Hardy, Ada Ruffle, Della Smith, George Osgood.

School No. 2. First Term.—Fred A. Fisher, Ethel H. Robbins, Harry Robbins. Second Term.—Grace Barker, Bessie Barker, Althea Page, Kate Page, Ethel H. Robbins, Harry Scott.

School No. 3. Bessie Barker, Grace Barker, Carabell Barker, Katie Page, Frank Taylor.

School No. 4. Lena M. Bailey, Bessie M. Bailey.

## REMARKS.

The School Board hoped and expected that the new school house at Munsonville would be completed in season to accommodate the Fall term for the consolidated schools No. 2 and 3. Being disappointed in this, the teacher for those schools was hired for ten weeks, under the impression that the consolidation could not take place in 1891. This would have made another teacher necessary. Not being able to secure the teacher subsequently any longer, the term was some three weeks shorter than desired.

The School Board feels under a moral obligation to remark that there is altogether too much indifference on the part of parents as to regular and punctual attendance of their children when the schools are in session. A neglect of these things, if all other conditions are favorable, will render the schooling the children receive much less valuable, besides laying a foundation for habits of carelessness and inattention in after life which will be an obstacle to success in whatever they undertake.

It seems incredible that parents should be indifferent to the advantages resulting from a fairly good English education which our schools place within the reach of every scholar of average mental capacity. But what other reason can we assign for the conduct of those parents who for slight reasons, or no apparent reason, keep their children out of school, or let them stay out, one, two or more days in a week?

The schools are now well supplied with text books on all subjects with the exception of physiology. All others have been newly introduced within the last three years.

The average wages of teachers, exclusive of board, was \$15.20 a month of four weeks.

The number of different scholars who attended school in town the past year was 63, divided among the schools as follows: No. 1, 36; No. 2, 16; (one from Stoddard) No. 3, 7; No. 4, 4.

So far as ascertained only two children of school age in town failed to attend school, and those under circumstances involving no violation of the school laws.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. OSGOOD,

HENRY D. TAYLOR,

*School Board.*

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NELSON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1891.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any.)	Sex and Condition.				Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
		Male.	Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of child 1st, 2d, etc.								22	22
Sept. 13	Roy Newell Atwood.	M		L	1st	George W. Atwood.	Clara G. Farnum.	W	Nelson.	Farmer.	Nelson,	Keene.	22	22



MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NELSON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1891.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	* Condition.	Name, Residence and official station of person by whom married.
Mar. 15 Nelson.		William H. Wood.	Fitchburg, Ms.	31	W	Paper Finisher	Atlantic Oc'n	William Wood.	Derbyshire Eng	1st	Rev. Wm. Merrill,
		Lucy M. Wilder.	Nelson.	32	"	Housekeeper.	Nelson.	Ezra Wilder.	Sullivan.	1st	Milford.
June 24 Nelson.		Homer F. Priest.	Nelson.	24	"	Farmer.	Keene.	Newell Farnum.	Mont Vernon.	1st	Rev. Wm. Merrill,
		Ethel M. Martin.	Cambridge, Ms.	18	"	Housekeeper.	Halifax, N. S.	George W. Martin	England.	1st	Milford.
Nov. 3 Keene.		Fred E. Greene,	Nelson.	27	"	Farmer.	Walpole.	Rufus Greene.	Massachusetts.	1st	Gardner C. Hill, J. P.
		Ada A. Holt.	Roxbury.	25	"	Housekeeper.	Sullivan.	Jedediah R. Holt	Sullivan.	1st	Keene.

\*Whether single or widowed. What marriage—whether 1st, 2d, etc.

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NELSON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1891.

Date of Death.	Name and Sur- name of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex & Condition.				Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Disease or Cause of Death.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male.	Female.	Color.	S., M., W.*	Father.	Mother.			
Jan. 18	Addie E. Scott.	18	9	19	Lyndeboro.	F	W	M	Bedford.	Antrim.	Marcus M. Bailey	H. M. Thompson.	Consumption.	
June 12	Mary Fay.	80	6	5	Hampton Falls.	F	"	W	Hampton Falls.	Beverly, Mass.	Eben Talton.	Sally Tuck.	LaGrippe.	
Sept. 24	Fred A. Tarbox.	23	0	4	Nelson.	M	"	S	Nelson.	Charlestown.	Henry Tarbox.	Mary S. Blake.	Typhoid Fever.	

\*Single, Married or Widowed.

I hereby certify that the above transcript of marriages, births and deaths is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JAMES H. SCOTT, *Town Clerk.*





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